



PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Valley View Secondary School Community,

It is with great pride that I share some of our recent activities and achievements with our community.

In Week 2, we held another memorable Achievement Assembly, where we recognised students who exemplify our core values: communication, attitude, respect, and resilience. We also celebrated high academic achievers and those who have made outstanding contributions to our community. This assembly also marked a special farewell to our Year 12 cohort, acknowledging their journey and wishing them all the best for the future.

Earlier this term I had the pleasure of attending the South Australian Italian Teachers Association evening to recognise and celebrate students studying Italian. Congratulations to Stefania Chiro, Silvia De Cesare, and our talented Italian students for their outstanding success at the SAITA Awards.

Our students shone brightly at this prestigious event, presenting the Acknowledgement of Country in both English and Italian, proudly representing our school on Radio Italia, and achieving first place in both the Year 8 and Year 9 categories. I extend my warmest congratulations to everyone involved for their dedication, hard work, and commitment. We were honoured to have the Hon. Blair Boyer, Minister for Education and Training, attend the ceremony. Following the event, he acknowledged the students' efforts, stating:

“Tonight we celebrated the outstanding achievements of students in their Italian language studies at the Annual School Competition Awards. The focus of the projects this year was on celebrating Italian women - and the students did some fantastic work. Well done to students at Valley View Secondary for their achievements tonight.”

Looking ahead, into 2026, Valley View Secondary School will introduce a dedicated Literacy Intervention Class for identified Year 7 and Year 8 students. This specialised program will provide targeted support in literacy for students requiring personalized assistance, as identified by their ongoing achievement and standardized testing. The class will run as a full subject line, complementing our current English curriculum and replacing another subject to ensure students receive the focused support they need.

Lastly, if your child will be transitioning from Valley View Secondary School in 2026, we encourage you to contact us at dl.1184.office@schols.sa.edu.au - this will enable us to support your child's transition effectively and ensure a smooth pathway into their next educational chapter.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community.

Nathan Cini
Principal

ITALIAN NEWS – ITALIAN OUTDOORS

Year 8-9 Italian

Congratulations! Our Year 8 and Year 9 Italian classes have both won first prize in their respective categories in the annual Italian language competition organised by the South Australian Association of Teachers of Italian (SAATI).

This year's competition, "Donne Illustri Italiane: Ieri, Oggi e Domani" (Remarkable Italian Women: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow), invited students to research well-known and lesser-known Italian women. Both classes developed scripts and produced creative, funny, and moving videos that gave voice to the Italian women they selected.

Two students from each class, accompanied by their parents, will represent the school at the award presentation ceremony on 14 October (Week 1) at EDC. This year, prizes and certificates will be presented by the Hon. Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills, together with the Consul of Italy, Ernesto Pianelli.



Student Voice:

"Making the video was a fun way to learn about the role of 'le donne italiane'. It wasn't just reading from a textbook — we got to be creative. There were some challenges: acting on camera was nerve-racking, and getting the pronunciation of our lines right took a lot of practice. We also had to find them or make props which wasn't always easy. Working together made it better as everyone helped out. The best part was the end — not just because we were done (lol), but because we got to watch the final result. The humour, the outfits, the wigs... it was hilarious!"

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Year 9 Class

"I loved the challenge. I was one of the 4 script writers, and I wrote the script for Samantha Cristoforetti and I also played her part in the video. I liked being in the video, writing the script and helping others if they needed. I was thrilled when I heard that we won the competition also because I knew that there was a prize, and we will have a class party. I was proud of myself, and the class for giving it a go!"

Nate

"I was tasked with costume and background design for the competition. It was a daunting task as I knew they were going to be shown to a wide audience of people. I spent most of my time during the school holidays, designing backgrounds with small details to make it more interesting. Being involved in many aspects of the video I am happy to see we won knowing our class had worked together to create a masterpiece that had won a competition."

Fletcher

Year 10 Italian

As part of their Term 3 unit on Italian Migration to Australia, the Year 10 Italian class visited the Migration Museum in Adelaide. This excursion offered students a valuable opportunity to connect their classroom learning with real-world stories and historical artefacts. At the museum, students explored the broader history of migration to Australia, with a particular focus on South Australia's migrant communities from the early 1900s through to more recent times. They learned about the challenges and contributions of migrants — including Italian families — who arrived in Australia seeking a better life.

Students discovered personal stories of resilience, sacrifice, and adaptation, and reflected on how cultural identity is preserved or transformed in a new country.

Student Voice:

“I learned about the challenges people in Europe faced during World War II and why many chose to migrate to Australia. I enjoyed seeing the vintage items and posters at the museum. I now feel grateful to live in a country like Australia, where there are so many opportunities.”

Nate

“I feel privileged after learning what others have gone through and how much we often take for granted. I was especially inspired by the story of someone who travelled across Hungary for their family — it showed me that no distance is too far for the people we care about.”

Lincoln

“I can relate to migrants because my family moved to Australia for better opportunities too. I miss the Philippines, but Australia now feels like home in my heart. I liked learning about what places were called before colonisation and using the spinning timelines to see how migration changed over time.”

Boaz

Throughout the day, students actively participated in all activities and confidently used the Italian language skills they have been developing. A highlight of the visit was an impromptu performance of the well-known traditional song “Bella Ciao,” led by a student who had learned it at a young age from her nonna.

Students should be very proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork, and engagement throughout the experience. The volunteers at the club were equally impressed by their positive attitude and energy, expressing their delight in seeing young people connecting with the Italian community and strengthening ties between the club and our school.

Student Voice:

“I liked that we made pasta totally from scratch and we ate it all together. Our OWN pasta! I would most definitely like to do it again!”

Keano



Year 9 Italian

At the end of Term 3, our Year 9 Italian students enjoyed a day excursion to the Italian Marche Club, where they had the opportunity to connect with the local Italian community and deepen their understanding of Italy’s diverse regions, cuisine, culture, and traditions. During their visit, students explored the origins of one of Italy’s most iconic foods — pasta — and discovered why it is considered the nation’s staple dish. Rolling up their sleeves, they enthusiastically followed the guidance of club volunteers to make their own fresh pasta from scratch.

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Signing Ceremony Memorandum of Understanding for Italian

This term, our Italian teacher and President of the South Australian Association of Teachers of Italian (SAATI), Silvia De Cesare, had the pleasure of attending the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Education Cooperation between the Consulate of Italy and the Department for Education at Parliament House.

It was an honour to be part of this important occasion, which highlights the ongoing commitment to promoting Italian language and culture across South Australian schools and strengthens educational and cultural ties between Italy and our state.

At our school, we are proud to uphold this commitment through our Italian language program. Our students are encouraged to develop their language skills, explore Italian culture, and gain a deeper understanding of the heritage and traditions that connect our communities. We look forward to seeing this collaboration continue to grow, providing more opportunities for students and teachers to engage with Italian language and culture and celebrate the rich connections between our communities



Year 12

Thanks to the Committees of Italians Abroad (Com.It.Es) and the South Australian Association of Teachers of Italian (SAATI), our Stage 2 Italian students received free tickets to attend a screening at the Italian Film Festival during the October school holidays.

The timing was perfect, as only a few days later the students were to sit their Italian oral exams. The chosen contemporary film, "10 giorni con i suoi", is the third sequel of a film series they had enjoyed in previous years. The film follows the adventures of a typical Italian family with all the joys and challenges of raising teenagers offering students an engaging and authentic way to experience the language they are learning. It also provided plenty of cultural insights to unpack after the screening. Students enjoyed 'fare una chiacchierata' (discussing the film) with their teacher and classmates, sharing personal reflections while further practising their Italian beyond the classroom.

Students loved the experience, which helped them become more confident speakers while discovering the richness of Italian language and culture in a relaxed and enjoyable way. To complete the authentic experience, students also enjoyed a classic Italian cinema treat: plain popcorn and a refreshing Chinotto San Pellegrino.

Grazie SAATI and Com.It.Es for the continued support of Italian teaching and learning at our school.

Student Voice:

"We loved the movie — it was hilarious, divertente! It was just what we needed before all the exam stress. It was also cool to recognize some of the classic Italian stereotypes, like the North vs. South contrast, the endless food, as well as the strong sense of family – Grazie!"

Kanuj & Clara

SCHOOL TRAVEL

Getting to and from School

Walking to school offers great health benefits, and we're fortunate to be easily accessible via suburban streets. If you are driving, please consider dropping your child a short distance from school to allow for a brief walk.

Our school has entrances on all four sides — Wright Road, Redhill Road, Malbanda Avenue, and Pitana Avenue.

Students are also welcome to walk across the school oval. For safety, they must use pedestrian lights and designated crossings at all times.

Scooters and skateboards are welcome and can be stored safely on campus during the day.

Many of the main roads surrounding our school — including Montague Road and Wright Road — have service roads alongside them. Students should use these service roads whenever possible to stay safe.

Bus Travel

Valley View Secondary School is serviced by several Adelaide Metro bus routes. Visit the Adelaide Metro "Travel to School" page for information about timetables, fares, and safety. Bus stops directly outside the school are supervised by staff before and after school. Students must cross at the traffic lights.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Student drop-off and pick-up within school grounds is not permitted unless your child has a recognised mobility issue.

Families travelling by car can use the supervised drop-off zone on Wright Road.

- Cars should stop for no longer than 30 seconds.
- After school, please ensure your child is ready for collection before entering the zone.

Please be aware that you cannot park in the drop off zone. This means it is not a suitable space for early arrivals to sit and wait for school pick up. If you do arrive early for school pick up, you will need to wait in surrounding streets.

YEAR 12 STUDENT LEADER REFLECTION

Term 3 Student Leaders' Reflection

By Aneena and Harrison

This term has been both busy and rewarding at Valley View Secondary School, filled with meaningful events, student initiatives, and important milestones. As our Year 12 students prepare for their final exams, it has also been a time of reflection and focus.

School Events and Initiatives

Throughout the term, a number of programs and activities were held to promote wellbeing, community spirit, and social awareness:

R U OK? Day

Students and staff wore yellow casual clothes to represent optimism, joy, and friendship. A gold coin donation was collected for charity, and lunchtime activities included a collaborative mural, arts and crafts, and conversation bingo.

Jeans for Genes Day

Students proudly wore denim and contributed gold coin donations to support genetic research for children's health. The event helped raise awareness and funds for a great cause.

Bullying No Way Week

This week featured engaging science activities, fun games on the central lawn, and Krispy Kreme sales — all promoting inclusion, kindness, and school spirit.

Term 3 marked our final full term before exams, with students balancing study, work, sport, and social commitments. Despite the challenges, everyone remains focused and determined to finish the year strong.

CONGRATULATIONS

Aimee Cockrell Selected to Represent Australia in World Gymnastics Championships!

We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of **Aimee Cockrell**, one of our talented Year 7 students.

Aimee competes in Tumbling, a dynamic gymnastics discipline that showcases a series of acrobatic movements such as flips, jumps, rolls, and handsprings performed on a spring floor.

This year, Aimee has participated in several interstate competitions and high-performance training camps, including the Australian Gymnastics Championships and the National Clubs Carnival. At both events, she placed 2nd overall in Australia in the Youth International U13 age division and was also selected into the Gymnastics Australia Team Future Training Squad.

Based on her exceptional results, Aimee has now been selected to represent Australia at the World Championships in Pamplona, Spain. Impressively, she is the only Youth International U13 female chosen for the Australian team — a remarkable achievement and a testament to her dedication, talent, and hard work.

Congratulations, Aimee! We are incredibly proud of your success and wish you all the best as you represent Australia on the world stage.

[Here is a link showing Aimee in action :](#)

Ms Dina Calbert
Year 7 Arman Mentor Group Teacher




VEX ROBOTIC COMPETITION

On Thursday, 24th October, Valley View Secondary School proudly participated in our first ever VEX IQ Robotics competition. Three Year 8 students (Andy, Nate and Taylor) represented the school after months of hard work in our lunchtime robotics club, where they designed, built and coded their own robot to compete in the game.

The competition provided an excellent opportunity for the students to apply their learning in a real-world setting. They demonstrated impressive problem-solving skills, teamwork and the ability to stay calm under pressure. The team performed admirably, achieving a respectable result for their first competition.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are already eager to build on their success and improve in future events.

TERM 4 - IMPORTANT DATES



Dates To Remember

TERM 4, 2025

OCTOBER 13	WEEK 1 Return to school	NOVEMBER 18	WEEK 6 Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
OCTOBER 24	WEEK 2 Year 12 Celebration Last day for Year 12's	NOVEMBER 21	WEEK 6 Last Day for Year 11's
OCTOBER 30	WEEK 3 Year 7 Parent Information Evening 6.00-7.00pm	NOVEMBER 24	WEEK 7 Year 11 Exams 24-28 November
NOVEMBER 3	WEEK 4 Year 12 Exams 3-7 November	NOVEMBER 28	WEEK 7 Student Free Day
NOVEMBER 10	WEEK 5 Year 12 Exams 10-14 November	DECEMBER 01	WEEK 7 Year 10 Exams 1-5 December
NOVEMBER 12	WEEK 5 Year 7 Immunisations Single Dose HPV- Booster	DECEMBER 05	WEEK 8 Year 7 Transition Day 8.30-3.00pm
NOVEMBER 13	WEEK 5 Italian Festival- Pizza and Movie	DECEMBER 12	WEEK 9 End of Term 2.10 dismissal

COME & TRY DAY @ ADELAIDE COLLEGE OF ARTS

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Twenty students from Valley View Secondary School participated in three immersive sessions led by TAFE SA teaching staff. Workshops included Graphic Design, Lighting and Sound, VFX, Photography, Visual Arts/Sculpture, and Performing Arts.

Students gained valuable hands-on experience and insights into potential career pathways within the arts. This fabulous initiative showcased the diverse opportunities available at Adelaide College of the Arts and inspired students to explore their creative passions beyond school.

Mr Tony Zimbardi
STEM, Technologies & Cyber Academy



UPCOMING EVENT:



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MUSIC
For Women
19TH NOVEMBER
FOR CATHERINE HOUSE

Music performance hosted in the gym at lunchtime: playing "riot girl" music. All proceeds going to catherine house to support women experiencing homeless.

RIOT Girl REVOLUTION

CATHERINE HOUSE

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— Every Student Matters —